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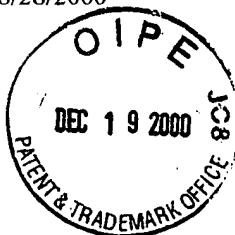
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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 820.

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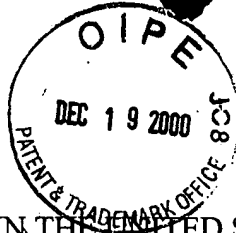
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Serial No. 09/650,335

Filing Date: August 28, 2000

For: FOOD PREPARATION AND STORAGE DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED**

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(37 CFR 1.8a)**

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Date: December 15, 2000

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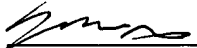
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This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filing Date Granted mailed October 17, 2000 in the above captioned application. Enclosed with this response please find a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application.

Please charge all fees necessary for the proper filing of these papers, including the filing fee of \$840.00 (filing fee of \$710.00 and the late filing fee of \$130.00) and any extension fees required under 37 C.F.R. section 1.136, from Deposit Account 50-1274(file 12643/210). A copy of this letter is also enclosed. If, for any reason, there are insufficient funds in deposit account 50-1274, please withdrawn the necessary funds from deposit account 20-0780.

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